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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On November 24th, 2009 at approximately 12:10 am, officers responded to the 3000 block on Woodsage for a shooting allegedly involving a drug debt between gang members. At approximately 5:00 am, officers received information advising that the suspect could be found in the 200 block of McNarney. Officers located the home in question and knocked on the front door. As officers made their way to the suspect's back yard, they observed the suspect fleeing through the back door of the home. As the suspect observed the officer, the suspect opened fire striking the officer once in the back. The officer was wearing his body armor - vest; however, the bullet missed the vest and struck the officer in the upper back. The officer was able to return fire but did not strike the suspect. The suspect fled the location on foot and was subsequently apprehended in the 200 block of Doolittle. The weapon used by the suspect was also recovered at this location.

Officer Gregory Severns, a 24 year veteran of the department, was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was arrested and will be charged with Attempted Capital Murder. The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol, the officer will be placed on administrative duty as he recovers from his injuries.

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